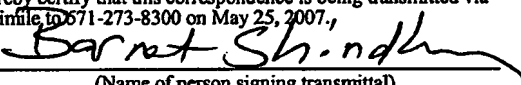
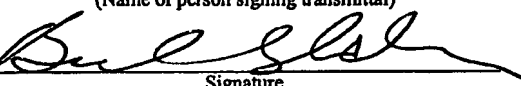


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PROGRAM HAVING CONNECTING FUNCTIONS (AS
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In response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 27, 2007, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on June 27, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows.